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Gary Burningham
Burningham Enterprises
95 North 200 East
American Fork, Utah 84003

Subject: Division Directive to Reseed, Burningham Enterprises, Mammoth Ridge #1 Mine,

S/017/0048, Garfield County, Utah

Dear Mr. Burningham:

On August 26, 2015, Lynn Kunzler of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining inspected the referenced site (copy of inspection report enclosed). The primary purpose of the inspection was to see the status of revegetation since it has now been two years since final reclamation was completed. The only plant species observed was Russian thistle, sometimes called tumbleweed. While this is a weedy species, it is not on the noxious weed list, and on many sites it acts as a nurse crop, protecting the desirable vegetation while it becomes established. Its presence is a good indicator that other species should also do well.

However, after two growing seasons, other species—especially those that might have been seeded—should be observed, but no other species were found.

You are directed to re-seed the entire Mammoth Ridge #1 mine site. This must be completed by October 30, 2015.

Before seeding, it will be necessary to break (scarify) the surface soil crusting with a springtooth harrow/cultivator, blanket harrow, or other similar implement. These can be pulled with a small farm tractor, or in the case of the blanket harrow, with an ATV. Seeding should follow scarification immediately.

Please notify the Division at least a week prior to doing this work, so that if possible we can arrange to witness the reseeding effort. Please also provide a copy of the seed label, photos of the operation, and a brief report detailing the steps taken.

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Please contact Lynn Kunzler at 801-538-5310 if you have questions about any aspect of this letter or if you need recommendations, such as for the seed mix. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Paul Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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Attachment: August 26, 2015 Inspection Report cc: John Blake, SITLA (jblake@utah.gov)